

The First Presbyterian Church Delhi, New York

July 13, 2025

9:30 a.m.

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

"Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you are good, O Lord." Psalm 25:7

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude Welcome and Church Life Notes Introit

*Call to Worship

Leader: God calls together a divine council to render judgment. God holds a plumb line to measure our faithfulness.

People: Who can stand before the judgements of God? How shall we know what God expects of us?

Leader: Lift up your prayers for God's mercy. Earnestly seek to know the ways of truth and salvation.

People: Can we distinguish faithfulness from popular success? What must we do to inherit eternal life?

Leader: God's judgment comes to all nations of the earth. God's covenant with us involves care for all people.

People: Will God deliver us from the hands of the wicked? Will God put an end to wanton treachery?

*Hymn

"We Give Thee but Thine Own"

#708

Prayer of Confession

Righteous God, we confess our easy compliance with ways of the world. We are happy to accept advantages for ourselves that are unavailable to many. We do not call oppressors to account or recognize our own oppressive ways. We pass by many who suffer, as if their suffering were no concern of ours. Our practice of the faith gives neither offense nor inspiration. We are troubled when we see ourselves this way. Redeem us, O God! Amen.

(A moment for silent personal prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: We are rescued from the shadows of our sinfulness by the grace of Jesus Christ. There is forgiveness for all who accept the gracious gift of a loving God. We open ourselves now to receive anew the gospel in all its power. We will share in the inheritance of the saints as we become good neighbors to the weak and needy, the lonely and destitute, whom God loves along with us.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Choral Response

*Sharing the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you. **All: And also with you.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Interlude

"As the Deer"

Darcy & Jackie Gibson

#12

Prayer for Illumination

Sovereign God, whose judgments stretch our thinking and challenge our doing, you have placed us in the midst of your eternal realm to be neighbors to sisters and brothers we have not yet acknowledged. Draw us into a circle of mutual caring, where the suffering of one is felt by all and injustice is confronted at every level, to communicate your mercy to the world. Commission us through your Word to grow, to bear fruit, and to serve. Amen.

Old Testament Reading – Deuteronomy 30:9-14

Then the Lord your God will make you most prosperous in all the work of your hands and in the fruit of your womb, the young of your livestock and the crops of your land. The Lord will again delight in you and make you prosperous, just as he delighted in our fathers, if you obey the Lord your God and keep his commands and decrees that are written in this Book of the Law and turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Now what I am commanding you today is not too difficult for you or beyond your reach. It is not up in heaven so that you have to ask, "Who will ascend into heaven to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?" Nor is it beyond the sea, so that you have to ask, "Who will cross the sea to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?" No, the word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it.

Leader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

*Hymn

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

Gospel Reading – Luke 10:25-37

On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

"What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?"

He answered: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself."

"You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."

But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho when he fell into the hands of robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his donkey, took him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.' Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"

The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him."

Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

Leader: The Gospel of Christ. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn

"What Is the World Like"

#771

Elder Tammi Tully

Presentation of Gifts & Offerings

Call to the Offering

Offerings may be made online at <u>https://fpcdelhi.org/content/offering</u> or by USPS mail service.

Offertory

*Choral Response "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" #606

*Prayer of Dedication

May these gifts and our lives bear fruit in many good words, increasing among all people knowledge of God, patience and endurance, wisdom and understanding, love and joy. We would act with compassion toward one another and toward neighbors near and far. Thankful for the mercy you have shown us, we pledge ourselves and these offerings to extend mercy to all. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

... "forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors"

*Closing Hymn

"Lord, to You My Soul Is Lifted"

#420

*Benediction

Leader: Grace to you, and peace, from God our Creator. Continue this day your love for all the saints.

People: We will love God with our whole being. We will care for ourselves and others as God's children.

Leader: Be filled with spiritual wisdom and understanding. Bear fruit and grow in good works by God's power.

People: We pray for discernment and empowerment. We seek to live with patience, endurance, and joy.

Leader: God's compassion surrounds you today and always. Live as people delivered for the power of evil.

People: We acknowledge the dominion of Jesus Christ among us. We will carry the spirit of Christ within us.

Leader: Amen.

People: Amen.

*The Sending

Postlude *CCLI License # 275648* "Bless the Lord"

#544

Thought for the Day*:* "Like a welcome summer rain, humor may suddenly cleanse and cool the earth, the air and you." —Langston Hughes

Leading us in worship this morning: Elder Tammi Tully, Worship Leader Pastor Jamie Tyrrell, Interim Darcy & Jackie Gibson, Guest Musicians Billy Meredith, Music Director Elder Renee Maxwell, Liturgist

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Welcome! Scripture urges us: "Turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul." Let us indeed turn to God, in love and worship, petition and trust.

(*Prayer*) Everyone who gathers here today brings their own joys and concerns. Dear Jesus, wrap your loving arms around us, providing the unique care we each need. Amen.

Your **tithes and offerings** may be made online via PayPal, click the donate button at **https://fpcdelhi.org/offering**, or by regular USPS mail (4 Clinton Street, Delhi, NY 13753).

The fourth Sunday of every month is a BOUNTIFUL GIVING SUNDAY. The Delhi Food Pantry accepts non-perishable food items. You can also donate via <u>https://fpcdelhi.org/content/offering</u> or give cash or check donations designated for the food bank. Please make checks out to First Presbyterian Church.

The **TRUSTEES** responsible for counting today are Tom Little and Tom Leo. The Trustees responsible for counting on July 20 are Kevin Lee and Alex Cantwell.

Devotional booklets (Upper Room and Daily Bread) are available outside the office and in the new narthex. Please take one for your daily devotions!

THOUGHTS ON GIVING: *"Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise."" (Luke 10:37)* This was Jesus' command at the end of the Good Samaritan story. Did you know that the Samaritans and Jews despised each other? The moral of the story is to love our neighbor. That means loving someone you may not know, or someone that looks different than you, or someone that has different beliefs than you, or someone that you don't like. All without expecting anything in return.

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER: That we may strive to be more like the Good Samaritan, helping those in need, without expecting anything in return.

The **Per Capita** amount for 2025 has been set at \$49.29 per member.

| Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance | 39 - 33 in sanctuary + |
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| Sunday 7-6-2025 | approx. 6 virtual |
| General amount needed each week | \$1,735.62 |
| General amount given week of 7-6-2025 | \$1,455.00 |
| General amount needed year-to-date | \$46,861.74 |
| General amount given YTD as of 7-6-2025 | \$50,738.65 |
| Fuel Fund needed each week | \$67.31 |
| Fuel Fund given week of 7-6-2025 | \$130.00 |
| Fuel Fund needed year-to-date | \$1,817.37 |
| Fuel Fund given YTD as of 7-6-2025 | \$1,385.36 |
| Kirk Receipts 6-29-25 to 7-5-25 | \$1,500.00 |
| Mission giving week of 7-6-2025 | \$0.00 |
| Mission giving YTD as of 7-6-2025 | \$592.00 |
| Apportionment Needed 2025 | \$6,062.67 |
| Apportionment received YTD as of 7-6-2025 | \$1,239.51 |

*General amount needed each week is total expenses minus budgeted savings transfers and fuel expenses.

| SUNDAY July 13 | 9:30 am Worship | |
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| MONDAY | 9:00 am Kirk Work Day | |
| July 14 | | |
| TUESDAY | 4:45 pm PNC Meeting | |
| July 15 | | |
| WEDNESDAY | 6:00 pm Trustees Meeting | |
| July 16 | | |
| THURSDAY | 9:00 am Kirk Work Day | |
| July 17 | | |
| FRIDAY | 9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Shoppe Open | |
| July 18 | | |
| SATURDAY | 9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Shoppe Open | |
| July 19 | 10:00 am Yoga | |
| SUNDAY | 9:30 am Worship | |
| July 20 | | |